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### SMALL UNIT DANGERS

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## FARMER JONES AND HIS COW PEN

By JUDGE W. M. BRUNSON

**COTTON TROUBLE.**—The average cotton farmer has many troubles. I don't think that any of them is more important than the difficulty which we have in securing an even stand of healthy young stalks. We all have our ideas as to the cause of our poor stands of cotton but I don't think that any of us are correct as to the real trouble. So many of us allow ourselves to think that the seed were bad or that the rain passed the ground so tight that it could not break through the crust. Some farmers believe that there is a disease which causes the cotton to rot after it sprouts, while others think we plant on the wrong change of the moon. It none of these happens that such explanations are correct. The trouble is generally wrong. A young cotton plant is about like all other young plants or animals in that the plant cannot resist or live through many adversities or injuries. The young cotton plant is as tender as any other young plant and it may be injured very easily. When the young cotton plants begin to grow they need a nice warm bed in which to sprout and live and that bed should be free of any enemies, diseases or unbearable chemicals. Some of us pour down a great stream of commercial fertilizer, place our seed and expect the young plants to sprout immediately after it and then expect the young plants to thrive and do well with chemicals at its feet which are strong enough to eat up the entire young plant. If we place the fertilizer several inches below the seed it will not cause the seed to rot, but it will give off fumes which will rise through the soil and destroy the young plants. In my opinion we should be very careful about placing our seed too near some mixture of strong fertilizer. It is better to use a good stand of old manure or some other kind of fertilizer than to do all the other troubles combined. I wish that I could give you some other plan of planting your cotton seed which would insure you a good stand of cotton but I don't know of any such plan. It is up to us to make intelligent use of the soil for ourselves just as we use the proper method to be used if we are to obtain a perfect stand of cotton. I would like to hear from some good farmer who has learned the facts on this subject by actual experience. About all we can do is to be sure that our seed will not rot and that our young cotton seed will not be injured by some other cause.

**THE MEANING OF "30"**—While the symbol "30" has been used for perhaps three-quarters of a century to indicate "the end" by telegraphers and publicists, its significance has been unknown to the general public.

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## Escape

By ISABEL WOHLMAN WATT

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"VIOLETS for Janey, Doctor?" Susan smiled as she took her order. Dr. Mackley had been sending Janey flowers on special occasions ever since the doctor's first visit to the farm. It was a long time ago that he married the first wife, but he never forgot her. He would like to write the cards himself. What a long time it took him!

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## Another Flood Victim

by A. B. CHAPIN

**ELBA, Ala., May 29, 1937.**  
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Here are making for you a small space in this paper where you are giving us each week. It is so nice to have this way of talking to our many friends.

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